

## Prayer

### Requests:

- We are thankful for the two new women who will be coming down in June (yay!), but **the need for men is still pressing**. We are hoping for at least **three new men** to join us **this summer**.
- I am also thankful that Meredith and I have found an **apartment** to rent and will be moving in by June 1st! But we still need to purchase furniture and appliances for our place. Please pray for **God's provision** to buy all that we will need.
- As the situation with the **cartels** escalates, we need your prayers for **protection and wisdom** as we go about our daily ministry. Please also pray for the Mexican army, that the Lord would protect the soldiers as they risk their lives to **secure Fresnillo and many other cities throughout Mexico**.

*Thank you!*

# An update from Becca Thompson in Fresnillo, Mexico



April-May 2009

## New realities in Fresnillo and what I'm learning about the power of prayer...

Many of you may be seeing in the news these days stories about the crackdown of drug cartels here in Mexico. Over the past few months, stories like these have become reality here in Fresnillo as we are seeing first-hand the confrontation and removal of the drug cartels from our city.

Since the first altercation between the Mexican army and the cartels here in Fresnillo in February, the situation has continued to escalate. There have been other military operations to take these men out, but there has also been more activity on the part of the cartels. A couple of weeks ago a young mother from our church was accosted and nearly kidnapped by cartel men residing in our neighborhood. She miraculously escaped. A few days later, I awoke to the sound of gunfire. A few blocks from my house the army had taken a safe house, but not without a fight.

These events are definitely sobering, but we are thank-

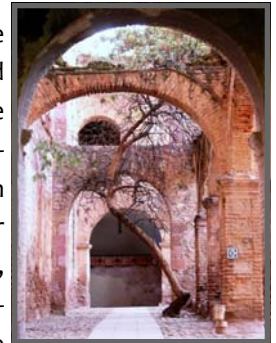
ful that in every circumstance where the army has confronted the cartels they have been successful and with few casualties, none of whom have been civilians.

The reason I included "learning about the power of prayer" in the title of this section is because I have come to believe that what we are seeing is a response to our prayers for the protection and deliverance of Fresnillo. The cartels have been present in this city for years, causing problems from time to time and generating fear. As a team, we have been praying that God would change the hearts of these evil men or remove them according to Psalm 140.

The first confrontation, which happened a few blocks from our church, came only a week after we had prayed together that that specific safe house would be dealt with by the Lord. We believe that in His mercy He began with our neighborhood and we are thankful that an area we

pass each week is safer as a result. We also believe that the army has had so much success because the Lord is enabling them to do so.

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to covet your prayers for safety and wisdom. I am thankful that I am able to go about my regular routine without too much change and that the ministry of CFCI remains unchanged. But Fresnillo is not as safe as it once was and, for me, this has created a constant awareness of what is going on. But I continue to trust the Lord, not giving into fear but being persistent in prayer, confident that He is in control and that He will be faithful to respond.

*If you would like to be added to my monthly email prayer update, which includes more information about this situation and others, please email me and let me know!*

## Please stay in touch!

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Here you will find pictures, videos  
and even some of the songs that we  
sing every week in Kids' Club.

[Check it out](#) to see and learn  
more about life with CFCI!

**And please send all  
financial support to...**

### CFCI

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a separate piece of paper with  
my name on it. Thank you!*



Here I am with my tots...the 3 & 4 year-olds of Wednesday afternoon Kids' Club.

Class time with the tots...I'm teaching about how Jesus is King!



"Hey!" Here are some of the kids I pick up for Kids' Club on Wednesday afternoons.

## A Financial Update...

I want to start by thanking all of you who have given and sacrificed during these hard months to make it possible for me to be here. I pray for you, thank the Lord for you, and hope that you know that your reward in heaven will be great! I couldn't be here without your help! Thank you so much!

My **goal to raise** for this ministry year (Aug. 1, 2008-July 31st, 2009) is about **\$33,000**. As of April 1st, half of this amount had already come in! This means that apart from pledges I've

already received I **still need about \$2500 a month** for the next four months to reach my goal by July 31st.

This seems like a lot of money, and especially with the economic situation being what it is, it is easy for me to worry about how the need will be met. But the Lord continues to remind me that every year He has been faithful to provide all that I have needed. He has also been using the **biography of George Müller** that I am currently reading to grow and stretch my faith tremendously in this area!

However, I do want to ask that if you are not already supporting me financially that you consider doing so if you are able. If not, or if you are already giving, **please join me in praying** that the Lord provides all the finances that I will need this year!

